


PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:) "EXPRESS MAIL" mailing label
) No. EL 827656769 US
Aguzzi et al.)
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Continuation of Serial No. 09/407,667) I hereby certify that this paper (or fee) is
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Plasma) Commissioner for Patents, Washington,
) D.C. 20231.
Group Art Unit: 1653)
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Examiner: Carlson) Richard Zimmermann

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

10. [AMENDED] A method for the detection, and optionally quantification, of PrP^{Sc} or digestion products thereof, wherein PrP^{Sc} is first concentrated according to claim 1 and then detected, and optionally compared with a standard.

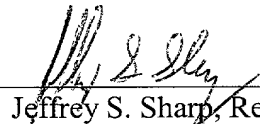
REMARKS

The foregoing amendment is made to eliminate the multiple dependency of claim 10. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claim by the current amendment. An early notice of allowance is hereby solicited. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any matter of form or substance, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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